

## JANUARY 18.

The President, Dr. RUSCHENBERGER, in the chair.

Forty-three members present.

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## JANUARY 25.

The President, Dr. RUSCHENBERGER, in the chair.

Forty-five members present

The following were elected members: Chas. L. Sharpless, Dr. Alfred Whelen, Rev. W. Q. Scott, Dr. Henry M. Fisher, Edwin H. Fitler, Dr. Wm. R. Cruice, Chas. H. Rogers, and Dr. W. F. Waugh.

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## FEBRUARY 1.

The President, Dr. RUSCHENBERGER, in the chair.

Forty-six members present.

A paper entitled "Description of a New Generic Type, *Bassaricyon Gabbii*, of Procyonidæ from Costa Rica," by J. A. Allen was presented for publication.

*On a Gigantic Bird from the Eocene of New Mexico.*—Prof. COPE exhibited a tarsometatarsus of a bird, discovered by himself during the explorations in New Mexico, conducted by Lieut. G. M. Wheeler, U. S. A. The characters of its proximal extremity resemble in many points those of the order *Cursores* (represented by the *Struthionidæ* and *Dinornis*), while those of the distal end are, in the middle and inner trochleæ, like those of the *Gastornis* of the Paris Basin. Its size indicates a species with feet twice the hulk of those of the ostrich. The discovery introduces this group of birds to the known faunæ of North America recent and extinct, and demonstrates that this continent has not been destitute of the gigantic forms of birds, heretofore chiefly found in the Southern Hemisphere faunæ. The description is as follows:—

The hypotarsus is moderately prominent, with broad truncate face, and does not inclose the ligamentous groove of its inner side. Its superior angle is broken away in the specimen. The two foramina which pierce the shaft just below the head, are well separated from each other both on the posterior and anterior faces, marking nearly equal thirds of the transverse diameter of the bone. The